NAVAL STATION NEWPORT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING April 17, 2002

MINUTES

On Wednesday, April 17, 2002, the NAVSTA Newport Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) gathered at the Officers' Club for its monthly meeting. The meeting began at 7:06 p.m. and ended at 9:10 p.m.

In attendance were John Vitkevich, John Lennon, Dr. David Brown, Emmet E. Turley, Thurston Gray, Dr. D.K. Abbass; Tom McGrath, Ed Moitoza, Susan Hester, David D. Dorocz (NAVSTA), Melissa Griffin (NAVSTA), Lillian Orleans (NAVSTA), Greg Kohlweiss (NAVSTA), and Paul Kulpa (RIDEM).

John Vitkevich opened the meeting. He informed the RAB that Mr. Manuel Marques, Mrs. Mary Blake and Mrs. Claudette Weissinger would not be in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES

John Vitkevich asked for a motion to accept the April minutes. Tom McGrath made the motion to accept the minutes. Ed Moitoza seconded the motion. Dave Dorocz mentioned to the group that they could receive the minutes in either a hard copy or an electronic version. The members should contact Lillian to let her know which version they prefer.

OLD BUSINESS

John started off by advising Dr. Abbass of what went on at the previous meeting. He wanted to express that he felt that this RAB has a good overall rapport with the Navy, and he feels as if issues and concerns are being handled at the appropriate pace. He mentioned the level of commitment that the RAB has displayed, and commended the regular attendees. He then introduced the newest member of the RAB, Mr. John Lennon, to the members present. Mr. Lennon is a resident of Newport. He is a geologist, working for a small environmental firm in New Bedford, and has been involved in environmental cleanups in the past.

John thanked Thurston Gray for becoming the Membership Chairperson. He asked the rest of the members to seek out friends, relatives or neighbors that may be interested in becoming members. Within the RAB structure for 2002, the Public Information Chairperson is Dr. David Brown. John thanked Dr. Brown for stepping in to replace Mr. Eugene Love, and that he felt Dr. Brown would do an excellent job in this capacity.

The conversation shifted to the subject of Katy Field, and the confusion surrounding the misinformation that was presented to the public by the media. The result was that several local residents got very upset. It was agreed that it could have been handled differently. As part of the charter of the RAB, the public information needs to be disbursed as accurately as possible. The RAB's responsibility is to advise the Navy of the public's feelings, and to keep the public up to date on the status of the current projects. John mentioned that the South Weymouth base is closed, so the RAB that is associated with it has different issues to deal with. Various groups of people have different uses in mind for the property, and they are working under different circumstances. John feels as though this RAB has had a very good relationship with the Navy since its' inception. The fact that the government is providing sufficient funding for each project makes the process move more smoothly. Dave Dorocz believes that the amount of funds received is positively affected by the existence of the RAB.

John asked Paul Kulpa about the time frame for comments on correspondence regarding the projects. Paul said that 45 days is the general rule for RIDEM to comment on what the Navy has decided to do at the sites. The Navy then has 60 days to respond. John said the EPA is concerned that the process isn't moving along fast enough. Dr. Abbass asked if there were any specific items that they feel need to be improved upon. John reiterated that the EPA feels as though the projects are taking more time than they should.

Dr. Abbass asked about the status of the funding for the projects. She wanted to know if the money would run out in a few years. Dave Dorocz stated that the current level of funding could be consumed however, the Navy could request additional funding from congress. Dr. Abbass said that the Navy would need the support of community members, in the form of lobbying their congressmen, etc.

Paul Kulpa said that the State has certain standards to be addressed, unlike the EPA's. The EPA does a risk assessment for each site, then comes up with a cleanup standard for each site. The State will take each site on an individual basis, and compare it to similar cleanup sites, to determine the cleanup number. It will then contact all the parties involved with this amount. the parties aren't in agreement, then the State may solicit bids to determine a more accurate cost for the site. many cases, this expedites the process by estimating the cost, as opposed to going for an exact figure. Paul also mentioned that there are other Superfund sites and Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) that require the RIDEM's attention. They try to process each one as efficiently as possible. They are also experiencing a shortage of manpower at this time.

John Vitkevich asked Mr. Kulpa if Naval Station Newport was behind on any documents due to the RIDEM. Mr. Kulpa said they were not. He also mentioned that it could take anywhere from two to nine months to make a decision on the sites, that there was no set time frame.

John then redirected the conversation to address the structure of the RAB, and whether or not it is functioning efficiently. He questioned the importance of meetings during time spans where nothing critical is occurring. There are costs that can be saved if a monthly meeting can be eliminated. Dr. Abbass feels as though each meeting is important, and that consistency is equally important, in case anything should go wrong at any of the sites. This is a reassurance to the members of the community, which the RAB represents. She mentioned that the Navy has always responded when issues have arisen in the past, and that we have maintained open communications all along.

The comments by the members of the EPA that the RAB is dysfunctional were discussed. Several RAB members took offense at this, because no specific deficiencies were pointed out. If improvements need to be made, the members agreed to remain open to suggestions.

Tom McGrath asked if all superfund sites are required to have a RAB. Dave Dorocz said that the Navy has a policy

to have a RAB for each of its sites, but that it is not a requirement under the Department of Defense regulations. The conversation shifted to the different types of issues that other RABs have to deal with, how they handle them, and the level of communication between the parties. Dr. Abbass shared some of her experiences with the group. She feels that this RAB functions well. Dr. Brown reflected on the way issues were dealt with in the past, and what we should do to improve the process for the future.

Paul Kulpa explained that, in the past, the DEM would immediately issue a violation before they even inspected a facility. Today, the DEM has taken on a number of initiatives, so that it won't be perceived as hostile in this process. Now they issue a "Notice of Intent", which is a warning that informs the facility of a violation, and gives them a certain amount of time to correct it and regain compliance. At all levels, the DEM tries to work with violators and assist them in any way they can.

Dr. Brown expressed concerns about how the information about the cleanups is dispersed to the public. He has received comments regarding this issue, and he would like the process to be more free flowing. He asked if passing the information back and forth was necessary before it could be shared with the general public.

The group discussed the importance of meetings, what the subject matter should be, and whether or not meetings should be held when nothing important is going on. Moitoza mentioned that in the past, some discussions have gone off track, and have even focused on special interests not directly related to the subject matter for the evening. He also feels as though there should be certain standards met, such as reports being required from the committee chairpersons, whether or not they will be present. could submit their report in time for the meeting if they will not be attending. John Vitkevich thanked Ed for his input, and told the group that he would like them to also respond if they have concerns. John will do his best to keep the meetings on track as a facilitator would, and moving along at a consistent pace. The committees are set up to provide the group with the current information it needs to oversee the cleanup at hand. Therefore, it is important to have a report submitted each month.

The report on dredging that was submitted by Emmet Turley was beneficial to understanding what might happen at OFFTA. The information provided about eelgrass restoration was discussed, and the cost raised questions. Paul Kulpa informed the group that he has been involved with eelgrass restoration operations that were not as expensive. We will not know until September whether or not the eelgrass restoration at McAllister Point was successful. John reinforced the idea of communication, and the group agreed that they will take the comments made about the RABs functionality into consideration, but as long as they feel they are providing an informational platform for the community, then the charter is being upheld.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Brown and Susan Hester attended the recent Aquidneck Island West Side meeting in Middletown, and told the people attending about the RAB, what it is doing, and how to get more information. Dr. Brown passed out a copy of a flyer he designed to inform the public about the RAB, and asked for feedback from the group. Melissa Griffin suggested some wording changes to prevent confusion in its' interpretation.

The next item discussed was the refined prototype of the advertisement that appears in the newspaper each month. Dr. Brown entertained comments, and will make the suggested changes: to keep the standard font, to keep the text centered, and to change some of the wording. Dr. Abbass asked who has the final authority to approve the ad. Dave Dorocz said that he does, because he authorizes the expenditures for the RAB. A few members discussed the possibility of putting public notices in the local calendar listings, too.

The last item presented by Dr. Brown was a survey he created that will give the Public Information Committee a better idea of what issues are most important to the group. He asked that each member fill one out, and return it to

him no later than May 15, 2002. That will allow him time to review the answers and comments, and prepare a summary for the June meeting. This survey will be made available in Word format to those who wish to receive it via e-mail.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thurston Gray reported that there was no action this month. We now have seventeen members.

PROJECT COMMITTEE

Emmet Turley attended the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission meeting, and he commented on the discussion during the meeting regarding the parcels of land along Burma Road, including the Tank Farms, and what the commission had in mind for them. The Commission has a vision of what they would like see done with the land, but the Navy has no plans to excess any of that property at this time. Dave Dorocz said the Navy has no plans to excess any of its property.

Mr. Turley submitted a handout that was given to attendees of the meeting, and a brief overview of what it contained.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Abbass submitted a manual from the Department of Defense on Environmental Restoration Acronyms. Copies of this document will be available at the May RAB meeting. She also submitted a list of upcoming trainings sponsored by the RI Marine Archaeology Project, along with a registration form. She also mentioned the outline and the statement she is working on with Dave Dorocz about where the funding comes from. She will also be adding more to the outline.

Dr. Abbass asked if the group could have some speakers at the next meeting to explain the processes of health risk assessment, ground water testing, environmental remediation technology, introductory preliminary assessment, site inspection, etc. She suggested that a refresher meeting on these subjects would be beneficial to the group. She also expressed a concern that if the meetings are eliminated for lack of subject matter, members may forget which month is a meeting month, and may forget to attend. This would cause

a break in the momentum of the group. She feels the abovementioned speakers would best fill the voids.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tom informed the group that Ed Moitoza made a suggestion that the group visit the site of the Old Fire Fighting Training Area. We currently have nothing on the agenda for the May meeting.

NEXT MEETING

There is a Training Session on Site inspections planned for Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 7 p.m., at the Officers' Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Enclosures:

- (1) RAB Flyer
- (2) Refined Prototype of RAB Advertisement
- (3) Public Information Committee Survey
- (4) Aquidneck Island Planning Commission Handout
- (5) R.I.M.A.P. 2002 Training Schedule

NETC (NSN) RAB members and friends-

Especially as we approach the next wave of studies and cleanups, we need to let people know about the RAB, and also sources of facts about the sites and previous/proposed actions. We on the Public Information Committee would appreciate your calling attention to special opportunities to reach particular groups—upcoming meetings, publications seeking articles, media representatives and outlets that may be interested, etc.

As an example, below is a handout that we prepared on short notice for two Aquidneck Island Planning Commission workshops this month on future land and shore-line use along the West Side. It was an unusually good chance to contact key leaders, planners and citizens who have shown readiness to commit time and energies to this.

Dave Brown Phone 848-9427 E-mail dibrown2@prodigy.net

Here's another way that you can influence the future of Aquidneck Island's West Side!

Help the Restoration Advisory Board for Naval Station Newport to plan Superfund cleanups of the toxic waste sites on and near the Island's western shoreline Dave Sanders has rightly reminded that it shouldn't have said "Superfund". The cleanups are from special Navy funding.

Tank Farms 1...5 McAllister Point Derecktor Shipyard Old Fire Fighting Training Area Gould Island Electroplating Shop NUSC Disposal Area Coddington Cove Rubble Area

Join us at our meetings with other citizens and representatives from the Navy, EPA and RIDEM

- We usually meet the third Wednesday each month at the NSN Officers' Club, 7-9 p.m.
- Watch for RAB meeting and agenda announcements in the Newport Daily News
- If you'd like to come, call (401) 841-3538 before 4 p.m. the day of the meeting, and the NSN Public Affairs Office will arrange for your access to the Base

For more information...

- > See the RAB web site at http://www.nsnpt.navy.mil/rab/index.htm
- > Look up the materials on NSN (NETC) cleanups in the Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport public libraries
- > Call David Sanders at 841-3538, or e-mail him at sandersd@nsnpt.navy.mil

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Refined prototype 17 April 2002 Reflects comments on the initial draft

If you live on Aquidneck or Conanicut Island, & are interested in environmental cleanup...

Join us at the next monthly meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board for Naval Station Newport Wednesday, May 15, 7-9 p.m. at the NSN Officers' Club

- ➤ Learn about the status of the Old Fire Fighter Training Area, Gould Island, Derecktor, McAllister, the Tank Farms and other CERCLA toxic waste sites.
- ➤ Help fellow citizens and representatives from the Navy, EPA and RIDEM to plan studies and cleanups of these formerly used sites.
- > Take part in our workshop to pinpoint the most important questions on citizens' minds.

If you'd like to come, call (401) 841-3538 before 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting

David Sanders or an associate in the NSN Public Affairs Office can arrange for access to the Base, and also tell you more about the RAB.

For additional information...

See www.nsnpt.navy.mil/rab/index.html

Civilian Co-chair John Vitkevich

Navy Co-chair David Dorocz

Committee chairs: Planning Thomas McGrath

Projects Emmet Turley Membership Thurston Gray

Education Kathy Abbass Information David Brown

Melissa says it would cost too much to make the regular RAB meeting ads any larger than the current ones.

Can you suggest better wording, fonts or layout?

Just an idea.. Depends what the Co-chairs decide on for the agenda. Would be useful to ask RAB members discuss & list key questions for upcoming information & education feedouts to address. Could divide the RAB into groups—one on questions for the OFFTA cleanup, another on Gould Is. questions, another on orientation questions that new RAB members may have, etc. Probably would need at least an hour for this.

Manuel suggested that we say what's the latest time to call. After 4 p.m., Public Affairs will convey the list to the Gate. No need for present RAB members to call; our names are already on the list.

This is the new, easier address that Melissa kindly arranged for us earlier this month.

Kymberlee suggests having more facts. Could highlight something different each time—e.g., RAB's mission...an upcoming decision... outputs of a Committee or task force, with names of the RABers involved. Maybe no need to list the Co-chairs and chairs every time?

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NAVAL STATION NEWPORT

Public Notice for RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

The purpose of the board is to notify and communicate with the community about the environmental remediation process at Naval Station Newport. Membership consists of community members, Navy representatives, and state and federal regulators.

MEETING AGENDA

RAB Structure 2002

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- Mr. John Vitkevich, Civilian Co-Chair
- Mr. David D. Dorocz, Navy Co-Chair
- Mr. Emmet Turley, Project Committee
- Mr. Thurston Gray, Membership Committee
- Mr. Thomas McGrath, Planning Committee
- Dr. D.K. Abbass. Education Committee
- Dr. David Brown, Public Information Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2002 at 7 p.m.

Naval Station Newport Officers' Club

For security purposes, members of the general public wishing to attend must make advance arrangements with the Public Affairs Office in order to access NAVSTA.

For more information, contact

Naval Station Newport's Public Affairs Officer, David Sanders at (401) 841-3538 Here's an example of the way the RAB ads have been.

If you have ideas about the kinds of information that we should concentrate on, and the best ways to reach key people

It would help the NAVSTA RAB Public Information Committee a lot if you would take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire. Thanks!

Please send by May 15,2002 to Dave Brown 421 Bellevue Ave., #4C Newport, RI 02840-6944 Or e-mail Dave c/o djbrown2@prodigy.net

Or call at 401-848-9426

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NEWPORT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD Project Committee Report April 17, 2002

Members of Newport RAB participated in a recent session sponsored by the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission to address planning issues with respect to U.S. Navy land along the Burma Road.

Based on suggestions given to the planners during several sessions last year, some 350 were used to develop 13 Land Use Evaluation Criteria and 29 Sub-criteria. Such items included maximize open space, public access to shoreline, some economic development, and diversity of land use. The Criteria were grouped according to the previous agreed upon "Aquidneck Island-Our Shared Vision Goals". These are Strong Local Economy, A Livable Landscape; Multiple Modes of Transportation; and Social Well Being.

Using the criteria, the planners developed three alternative land use scenarios, one emphasizing economic development opportunities while respecting environmental resource protection; one a coastal preservation scenario with environmental conservation and environmentally economic development; and the last, a combination of the two, is a sustainable growth, or "Smart Growth" scenario, focusing on preserving the Island's character while allowing new developments and sustainable development strategies.

Attendees then had a chance, in small groups, to use the enclosed map to make suggestions about what was felt to be the best use of the land, while considering the many highly contaminated areas due to intense U.S. Navy use. These suggestions will then be used by the planners as a template for the local communities to adapt/modify for their respective planning needs.

Respectfully submitted:

Enwet & Tenley.

Emmet E. Turley, Chairperson



AQUIDNECK ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

MIDDLETOWN - NEWPORT - PORTSMOUTH - NAVAL STATION NEWPORT

PO Box 4901, Middletown RI 02842, (401) 849-4027 www.aquidneckplanning.org

APRIL 11, 2002 5:30 - 8:00 PM, Middletown Town Hall

Agenda

Objective: Review evaluation criteria and land use scenarios for the West Side of Aquidneck Island.

5:30	Dinner	
6:00	Introduction	(Kelly Woodward-Facilitator)
6:10	Criteria	(Jennifer Anderson)
	Land Use Scenarios	(Chris Mason)
6:40	Break-out Groups	(Group Facilitators)
7:40	Group Presentations and Discussion	
7:55	Next Steps Legislative workshop Public workshops Final booklet Federal funding request Review Master Plan Steps III-V Questions	(Dr. Quigley)
8:00	Adjourn	

WEST SIDE MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE

City of Newport ◆ Town of Middletown ◆ Town of Portsmouth ◆ Newport County Chamber of Commerce ◆ Naval Station Newport
Rhode Island Department of Transportation ◆ Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program
Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation ◆ Rhode Island Sea Grant/URI Coastal Resources Center

BREAK OUT GROUP

Objective:

1) Review evaluation criteria and land use scenarios for the west side of Aquidneck Island

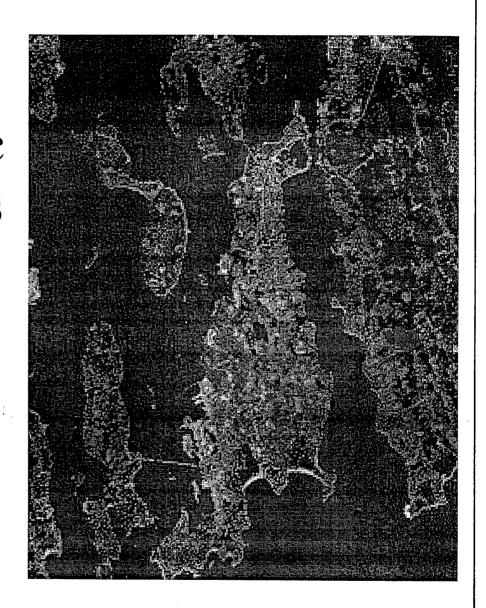
Charge:

- Each group will elect one person to present the outcome of the discussion at the end of the workshop.
- Each group will respond to the following questions:
 - 1) Review and comment on the criteria.
 - 2) Review the land uses on the combined scenarios map and make the appropriate changes.
 - 3) What land uses do you recommend for the areas that do not have assigned land uses?

Aquidneck Island Planning Commission

West Side
Master
Plan Public
Workshops

April 11, 2002

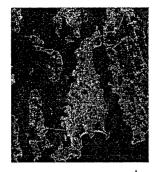




Aquidneck Island Planning Commission

West Side Master Plan Public Workshops

April 11, 2002



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AIPC West Side Master Plan Public Workshops

c/o LFR/Mason & Associates

Worksession Topics:

- ➤ Presentation of Land Use Evaluation Criteria and it's Application to the West Side Master Plan
- ➤ Description of Draft Integrated Land Use Scenarios

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WHAT IS A CRITERIA?

A Criteria = a standard for judgment, comparison, and/or measurement





Development Process – Genesis of Evaluation Criteria & Draft Scenarios Initial Evaluation Criteria Selection: > Shared Vision > Public Comments > Task Force Comments > Input from Consultant Planners > Toolkit Resources • We then established the interlinks between Criteria

The Planning Toolkit The resources used included:



- · Aquidneck Island Our Shared Vision
- Aquidneck Island Today -2001
- Middletown, Newport and Portsmouth Comprehensive Community Guide Plans
- West Side Planning Inventory 7/00
- Compendium of AIPC West Side Master Plan Public Workshop Comments and Focus Groups
- · Aquidneck Island Partnership documents
- 1997 Newport Harborfront Plan
- West Side Transportation Plan Edwards and Kelsey, 9/00

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Additional Tools...

- Statewide Planning Program State Guide Plan 2001 and subsequent updates
- RI Transportation Improvement Program Statewide Planning
- National Sea Grant Initiative 2001
- RIGIS database
- Aquidneck Island Geographic System
- · Middletown Geographic Information System
- · US Committee on Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
- Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Interviews/Meetings with municipal planners, Naval personnel (NAVSTA), Newport Collaborative, Aquidneck Island Land Trust, Audubon, Nature Conservancy, etc.

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Integration of Public Comments was a critical step in the Criteria Development!

✓ Public Comments Compilation

- ≥370 Public comments received
 - ≥320 classified which were directly attributable to a criteria
 - >50 comments without direct criteria linkage



Criteria Development

- Our initial brainstorming produced 32 proposed criteria
- Comments from AIPC Task Force members and the Focus Group Meeting included:
 - Recommendations for additional criteria
 - Suggestions for clarification and improvement in criteria descriptions
 - Recommendation to have smaller number of criteria
- End Result is 13 Land Use Evaluation Criteria with 29
 Sub-criteria

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West Side Master Plan Final Land Use Evaluation Criteria

- Maximize Open Space
- Provide Public Access to Shore
- Minimize Adverse Aesthetic Impact
- Aesthetic Impact
 Minimize Sprawl
- Provide Educational Opportunities
- Provide Adequate Housing
- Provide Strong Sense of Community
- Provide for a Diversified Economic Base
- Promote
- Environmentally Sensitive Development
- Provide for Diversity of Land Use
- Address Demand on Municipal Services
- Provide Flexible, Efficient Transportation
- Consistent with Regional Transportation Network

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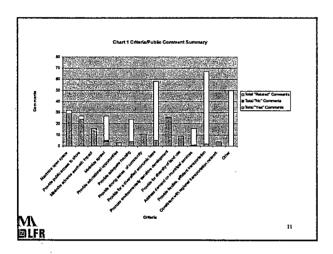
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Proviso: How Should Criteria Be Used?

- Criteria were developed to evaluate and score the proposed West Side Master Plan Scenarios
- They are not intended to be used "as is" for local planning purposes in their current form, however they can serve as a template for local communities to adapt/modify for their respective planning needs.

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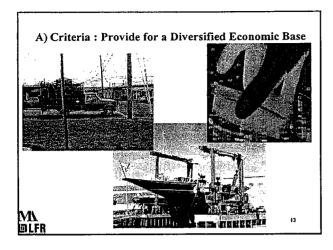
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Criteria are grouped according to the Aquidneck Island - Our Shared Vision Goals

- ►A) Strong Local Economy
- **▶**B) A Liveable Landscape
- ►C) Multiple Modes of Transportation
- **>D)** Social Well-being

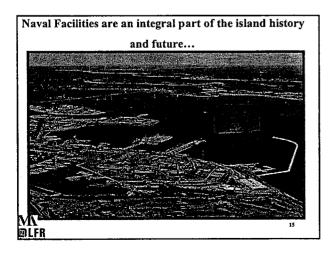
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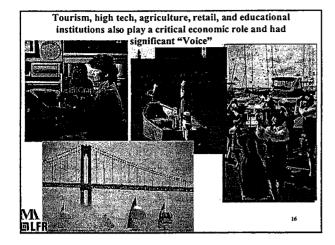


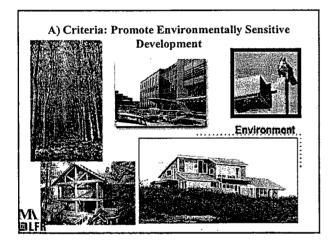
Subcriteria

- Support Navy presence
- Support tourism
- Support high tech, low pollution industries
- Support marine trades
- Support retail
- Support new industries that are in island character





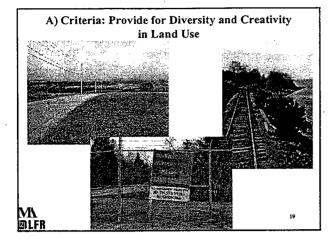




Criteria: Promote Environmentally Sensitive Development

- Emphasis on "soft" building footprints
- Innovative uses of alternative or reduced energy demand technologies
- Correlate land development more closely with what the land can support

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Provide for Diversity of Land Use

- Promote Mixed Use Development
- · Use creative planning and zoning tools, e.g. Planned Unit Development (PUDs) to focus desired typed of development to the most suitable locations

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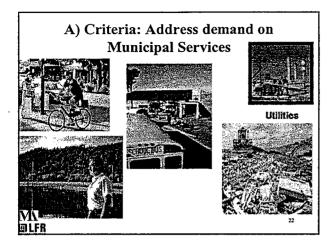
Diversity of Land Uses - Implementing a PUD An example from Coastal Maryland

- A. Standard uses, PUDs may include all of the uses which are allowed in the base zon by right, with limitations, or as a conditional use.
- B. Support commercial. PUDs in residential zones may contain commercial development consistent with the Neighborhood Commercial 2 zone and its regulations. Commercial development must be accessory to the PUD and primarily for the service and convenience of residents of the PUD and the nearby neighborhood. The PUD must be found to be located in an area deficient in support commercial opportunities

33.269.145 Preservation of Water Features

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Water features such as sloughs, naturally-occuring streams, ponds, or lakes must
be left in a natural state unless altered to improve the natural values of the
water feature or to improve storm water drainage. Water features and their
edges should be kept in common ownership. The storm water requirements are
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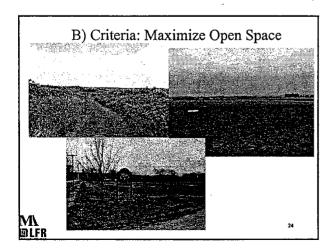
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Subcriteria

- Utilities
- Education
- Public Safety

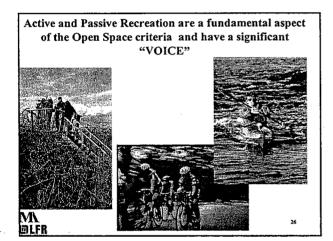
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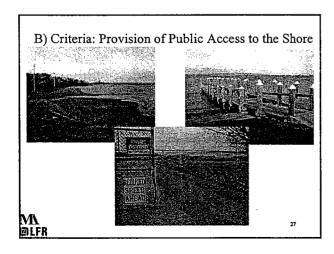


Open Space Subcriteria

- Preserve natural ecosystems
- Provide for active recreation
- Provide for passive recreation
- · Preserve farmland
- Provide for greenways

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Provide Public Access to the Shore

• Ensure that the public has access and the continued ability to use the shore for access to the water

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B) Criteria: Minimize Adverse Aesthetic Impacts

• Work in a human scale, preserve viewsheds, minimize noise pollution







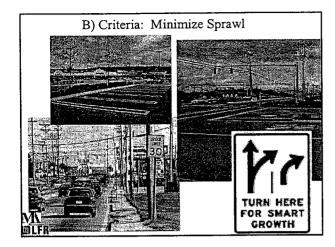
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Subcriteria

- Preserve Views
- · Human Scale Building
- Limit Noise
- · Structures "blend" with island character

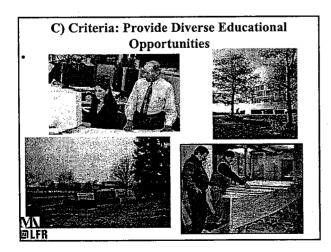
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Criteria: Minimize Sprawl

• Emphasis on development of existing growth centers

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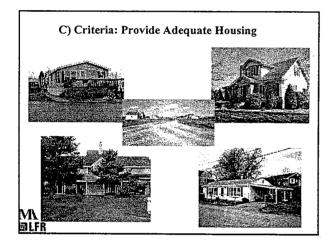


Criteria: Provide Educational opportunities

- Provide educational opportunities to support island businesses
- "Grow" island residents talents and fields of expertise

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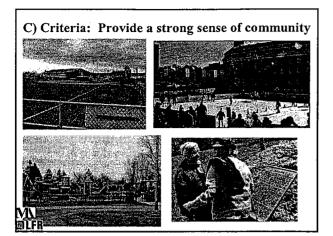


Criteria: Provide Adequate Housing

Key issues were:

- > Affordability
- > Systemic quality
- >Availability/attainability to island residents

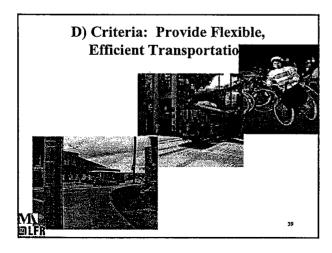
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Subcriteria

- Provide arts and cultural opportunities
- Preserve historic resources
- Foster safe and healthy communities

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Transportation Subcriteria

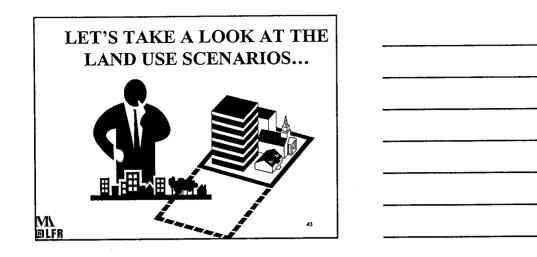
- Rail
- Bus
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian
- Ferry
- Automobile
- Airplane

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D) Criteria: Consistency with Regional Transportation Network MN DLFR

Any Questions?



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Development Abstracts for the West Side Land Use Scenarios

The following three sketch land use scenarios have been developed on behalf of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission for the West Side of the Aquidneck Island by the LFR Levine Fricke (LFR) and Mason & Associates collaborative. The study area, as identified by the AIPC West Side Master Plan, is comprised of three communities, traveling south to north – Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Land use on the West Side of the island is diverse and reflects a broad cross-section of land use sectors, including: institutional, defense, residential, commercial, recreational, open space, and industrial.

Each of the three sketch scenarios has been developed with the intent of fulfilling specific land use objectives and long-term management goals. The evolution and subsequent potential end-product of a particular scenario will be largely driven by the application of a series of tests, i.e. to what degree would it satisfy specific land use evaluation cr iteria when a specific set of goals and objectives were the desired end-product. The overall purpose of the sketch scenarios is to take the Aquidneck Island Vision and carry it forward to an outcome.

A - Coastal Enterprise Scenario

This scenario emphasizes economic development opportunities on the West Side while respecting environmental resource protection. Development is fostered that enhances the tax base in each of the three respective communities and which creates new and improved job opportunities. Key aspects include:

- Focus on marine trades, high tech industries, research and development enterprises and tourism
- Predominant commercial growth at Mellville (Portsmouth), Brown's Lane & West Main Road (Middletown) and Gateway Center (Newport)
- Planned Unit Development (PUD) zones focused on marine PUDs
- Economic and land use incentives provided to attract desired development proposals,
 e.g. Village Centers
- Education and/or training centers specific to area job markets and high tech skills and incubator industries
- Moderate to high-density site development
- Expanded marine and landslide facilities to ser vice commercial and pleasure crafts
- Expanded/Improved infrastructure (water, sewer, solid waste, energy, transportation)
- High quality residential development for corporate executive/managerial personnel
- Moderate end/achievable residential development for industry, institutional and commercial service employees
- Public access to shoreline with emphasis on serving recreational facilities and tour ism

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B - Coastal Preservation Scenario

This scenario emphasizes coastal preservation via environmental conservation and enhancement while accommodating environmentally responsible new development or redevelopment Guiding principals of this scenario include:

- Preservation and enhancement of critical natural resource areas, including wetlands, stream corridors, barriers beaches, coastal habitats, critical habitat areas, and maritime forest
- Open space preservation and enhancement
- Expansion and linking of open spaces (green ways), establish linkages with parks, bike routes (in both road shared format and dedicated paths), transportation nodes (park & ride lots, train stations, bike transfer and ride stations, etc.)
- Farmland preservation
- Natural habitat restoration
- Archaeological preservation and enhancement of island archaeological inventory and knowledge
- Creation of "Village Centers" with mixed use and clustered developments
- Floating Planned Unit Development (PUD) zones
- Preserve and expand transportation corridors to provide future opportunities for multimodal transportation, (e.g. pedestrian walkways, horseback riding trails, bike paths, HOV/bus lanes, low pollutant emitting vehicles, commuter trains, etc.)
- New development/redevelopment which provides only a moderate increase in overall intensity of development or creates zero net growth
- New development which imposes low burden on municipal infrastructure and/or is partially or wholly self-reliant via the integration of sustainable system and independent technologies
- Provision of incentives to prospective developers to conduct environmental restoration (wetlands), appropriately reuse "brown fields" (former hazardous waste/materials sites), resolve neighborhood environmental problems (stormwater management, create windbreaks), energy conservation, or otherwise contribute to an interlinked criteria for development (dedication of open space, contribution of land to create/expand a greenway, etc.)
- Creation of an Island Environmental Education Center (museum/aquarium, etc.) with coastal and maritime emphasis
- Provision of affordable quality housing to allow island workers to reside on-island
- Preservation and expansion of public access to the coast (with passive and active uses)
- Potential Designation of the West Side Study areas as a "Sustainable Development Living Community"

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C - Sustainable Growth - "Smart Growth" Scenario

This scenario seeks to strike a balance between the Coastal Enter prise Scenario goals of economic development and the Environmental Conservation Scenario goals. Scenario C combines elements of both A and B. It's goal is to preserve the Island's character while accommodating some opportunities for new development and recognizing sustainable development strategies. Key aspects of this scenario include:

- Focus on marine trades, high tech industries, research hand development enterprises and tourism
- Commercial growth center at Mellville (Portsmouth), Brown's Lake & West Main Road (Middletown) and Gateway Center (Newport)
- Floating Planned Unit development Zones (PUD)
- Incentives for desired development as determined by the West Side Study Group and the respective communities
- Education and training centers specific to area job market, high tech skills and incubator industries
- Preserve and enhance natural resource areas, including wetlands, stream corridors, coastal habitats, barrier beaches, critical natural habitat and maritime forests
- Open space preservation and enhancement
- Expansion and linking of open spaces (greenways), establish linkages with parks, bike routes (in both shared road formats and dedicated paths), transportation nodes (park and ride lots, train stations, bike transfer and ride stations, etc.)
- Farmland preservation
- Natural habitat restoration
- Preserve and expand transportation corridors
- New development poses low burden on municipal infrastructure
- Creation of "Village Centers" with mixed use development
- Provide affordable housing to facilitate Island workers to live on-island
- Provision of incentives to prospective developers to conduct environmental restoration (wetlands), appropriately reuse "brown fields" (former hazardous waste/materials sites), resolve neighborhood environmental problems (stormwater management), energy conservation, or otherwise contribute to other guiding principal elements e.g. (dedication of open space for a greenway, contribution of land to or creation of a transportation node or enhanced corridor)
- Preserve and enhance public access to the coast

RHODE ISLAND MARINE ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT 2002 TRAINING SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION TO UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: Instructors: D. K. Abbass, Charlotte Taylor, Kerry Lynch, and RIMAP volunteers. Why and how archaeologists study submerged cultural materials, including shipwrecks; what underwater archaeologists do not do. Legal and ethical issues and the difference between the two; RIMAP past and future activities. Required for fieldwork participation. Two offerings:

Saturday, April 20 -- 9-4 RI Historical Preservation Commission, 150 Benefit St., Providence Saturday, May 25 -- 9-4 Cecilia Hall, Carey Mansion, Salve Regina Univ., Ruggles Avenue, Newport.

REMOTE SENSING IN UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: Saturday, May 4 -- 2-4 O'Hare 106, Salve Regina Univ., Ochre Point Avenue. Instructor: I. R. Mather. An introduction to high tech contributions to submerged cultural resources studies; present and future equipment developments; software improvements; especially ethical issues.

SHIP CONSTRUCTION FOR UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGISTS: Saturday, May 11 -- 2-4 O'Hare 106, Salve Regina Univ., Ochre Point Avenue. Instructor: D. K. Abbass A brief introduction to what an archaeologist needs to know about how ships are built and how to interpret what they see underwater. Basic techniques and history of shipbuilding, rigging, and seafaring.

** NEW CLASS ** ARTIFACT MANAGEMENT: Sunday, May 19 -- 2-4

RIMAP Office (special permission needed for access -- directions given with confirmation) Instructors: D. K. Abbass and Charlotte Taylor

How to treat and track artifacts from the time they are taken from the water to the time they are deposited in an archive/museum, especially handling, photography, and paper trail. Includes practicum using artifacts at RIMAP facility. This bridges RIMAP Conservation and Museum Theory classes.

INTRODUCTION TO UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: May 25 (See above)

SITE MAPPING IN UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: Sunday, May 26 -- 1-4

Cecilia Hall, Carey Mansion, Ruggles Avenue. Instructor: D. K. Abbass, Kerry Lynch, and RIMAP volunteers. How to document submerged cultural resources; how remote sensing and ground-truthing work together; photomosaics; scale mapping, GIS. (Pre-requisite: RIMAP's Introduction Course)

Note:

** Two new in-the-water classes, <u>Diving Skills for Underwater Archeologists</u> and <u>Proper Use of the Suction Dredge</u> will be offered later during summer, after water temperatures rise to comfortable levels!

** <u>Conservation Theory</u> and <u>Museum Theory</u> will be offered on alternate years. <u>Meet the Archaeologists</u> will be offered later in summer 2002.

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